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Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations

Report of the First Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations" was included in the agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 66/66 of 2 December 2011.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 1st meeting, on 5 October 2012, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 86 to 102. From 8 to 12 and on 15 and 16 October, the Committee held a general debate on those items and had an exchange of views with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials, including on follow-up to resolutions and decisions adopted at previous sessions (see A/C.1/67/PV.2-8). The Committee also held 10 meetings, from 17 to 19 and from 22 to 25 October, and on 1 and 2 November, for a thematic debate and panel discussions with independent experts (see A/C.1/67/PV.9-18). At the 9th to 18th meetings, from 17 to 19 and from 22 to 25 October, and on 1 and 2 November, draft resolutions were introduced and considered (see A/C.1/67/PV.9-18). The Committee took action on all draft resolutions and decisions at the 18th to 22nd meetings, on 2 and from 5 to 7 November (see A/C.1/67/PV.18-22).

4. No documents were submitted for consideration under this item.

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II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.1/67/L.31

5. At the 21st meeting, on 6 November, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf also of South Africa and Switzerland, introduced a draft decision entitled "Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations" (A/C.1/67/L.31).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.1/67/L.31 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the First Committee

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 66/66 of 2 December 2011 and previous resolutions on this matter, decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations".